The Imposition of Curfew Decree, 1997

Being a Decree to make provision for the imposition of a Curfew.


Pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Proclamation entitled "Administration of Sierra Leone (Armed Forces Revolutionary Council) Proclamation, 1997", published in the Gazette on the 28th day of May, 1997, the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council hereby makes and issues the following Decree:
1. This Decree, except subsection (2) of Section 3, shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 19th day of August, 1997.

2. (i) The Armed Forces Revolutionary Council may, in the interest of public order or public safety, by Order impose a curfew throughout Sierra Leone or in any part thereof as shall be specified in such Order.

(2) While such Order is in force, no person shall be out of doors between the hours specified in the Order except under the authority of a written permit granted by the Inspector-General of Police or any officer deputed by him in that behalf.

3. (1) Any person who contravenes any provision of an Order made pursuant to Section 2 commits an offence and may be detained by any member of the Armed Forces or the Police Force, who shall take that person immediately to the nearest police station.

(2) Any person convicted of an offence under subsection (1) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding thirty thousand leones or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

4. Every Order made pursuant to Section 2 shall come into operation upon publication in the Gazette or upon publication in such other manner as the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council may deem necessary for bringing such Order to the notice of all persons.

5. Any person detained pursuant to this Decree before its date of publication in the Gazette shall be deemed to have been held in lawful custody during the period of such detention.

Made and Issued this 20th day of August, 1997.

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Armed Forces Revolutionary Council.

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